

CONGRESS ASKED TO PROVIDE FOR OUR DEFENCES

Secretary Root Asks for an Extra Appropriation, Part of Which is to Be Used in Obtaining Military Sites on These Islands.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Secretary Root has asked Congress for an additional two million dollars for insular defences and for acquiring land sites in Hawaii.

COLOMBIA AGAIN PROTESTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—General Reyes has presented to Secretary Hay a formal protest against the American occupation of the isthmus.

PEARL HARBOR OF NO VALUE IN ITS PRESENT CONDITION

Admiral Evans Says That Approaches Must Be Straightened Before Battleships or Cruisers Can Enter the Lochs.

"Pearl Harbor in its present condition is of no value for a naval station" said Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans yesterday. "Until the approaches to the lochs are straightened out no battleship or cruiser of the size now in port can enter the harbor. It will cost millions of dollars to make the lochs available."

Admiral Evans visited Pearl Harbor with a party of officers and town people in the Iroquois on Wednesday. Prior to that time he was of the opinion that there would be no difficulty in making use of Pearl Harbor. He told an Advertiser reporter shortly after his arrival that the entire fleet could be taken in, if he found it necessary, but his visit to the place has changed this opinion.

"As far as the approaches to the lochs are concerned" the Admiral continued, "it is not available to the battleships and will not be until the government spends a good many millions of dollars in straightening it out. It is so crooked now that it wouldn't be practicable to take even the cruisers in port now. They are too long and could not turn in there. It might be possible to take the cruisers in with the assistance of tugs but even that is doubtful."

"In its present condition Pearl Harbor is of no value as a naval station and it would hardly be worth while to build machine shops or docks there at this time. The first thing to be done is to make the channel available. I don't know what the plans of the Department are in regard to the matter."

Admiral Terry was reported some weeks ago as having said that Pearl Harbor was not what the navy wanted, but on inquiry he declined to be interviewed.

THE ASIATIC FLEET IS UNDER SAILING ORDERS

Admiral Evans Will Sail for Cavite Tuesday Morning Unless Honolulu Gets a Stay From the Navy Department.

The fleet is under orders to return to the Asiatic station Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Admiral Evans received orders yesterday morning from the Navy Department for sailing on Monday at noon, but these were afterward changed to Tuesday morning.

"Orders came this morning to return to the Asiatic station," said Admiral Evans to an Advertiser reporter at the Young Hotel yesterday afternoon. "The fleet will sail together. No orders have been received detaching the Albany to return to Bremerton for an overhauling, and the fleet will sail just as it came. The colliers will precede us. The Solace sails independently of the fleet. The stores are being taken off of her now and we expect to get everything on the vessels of the fleet by tomorrow."

"The orders are to return to the Asiatic station. We will go from here to Cavite. Captain Clover, who is to take command of the Wisconsin, will sail in the battleship from here as a passenger. The vessel will be turned over to him at Cavite."

"The stores will be taken from the Alameda as soon as she gets in and we hope to have the transfer of stores completed by Saturday."

PLEASED WITH HONOLULU.

"My stay here has been charming—delightful," said the Admiral. "This is one of the most beautiful places I have ever had the good fortune to be in, and I never received such cordial hospitality in my life before, as I have experienced in Honolulu the past ten days. The officers and men of the fleet say the same thing."

"I have been here twice before. Once on my way to Pago-Pago to sit on a courtmartial of Captain Tilley and about two years ago. It seems to me as if there had been a steady, healthy improvement in the city, which I am very glad to see. I have met a great many very nice people and have had a most delightful visit. It would take too long and too much space in your paper to tell just what I think of Honolulu and its people."

TRANSFERRING STORES.

The Solace brought five hundred tons of stores for the fleet, the major portion of which were transferred to the various vessels yesterday. Admiral Evans expects the work to be finished today. Orders were issued first to transfer the ammunition from the Solace, but this order has been countermanded and the naval transport will carry it to Cavite.

ENTERTAINING THE PUBLIC.

The reception to Honolulu society to be given by the officers of the fleet on Saturday night will be from eight to eleven o'clock. The reception will take place on the Kentucky and the Wisconsin and there will be dancing on both ships. The battleships and probably the cruisers will be illuminated for the occasion. Supper will be served to the guests on the decks.

MAY CAUSE FLEET TO REMAIN LONGER.

Governor Carter and the Merchants' Association both sent cables to Washington yesterday requesting that the stay of the fleet be lengthened. It is the expectation among navy men that there may be a change in the orders so that the vessels may remain here until after the holidays, as there is no necessity for haste. Neither Governor Carter nor President Smith have received replies from their cablegrams but this is not to be wondered at, as the messages could not have reached Washington until after business hours yesterday.

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FORTY WARSHIPS ARE COALING FOR AN EMERGENCY

Nagasaki Harbor the Scene of Extraordinary Preparations for War—Railroads Asked to Get Ready to Carry Seventy Thousand of the Mikado's Troops.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

NAGASAKI, Dec. 25.—The Japanese railways have been ordered to get ready to transport 70,000 troops. Forty warships in this harbor have coaled and are ready for an emergency.

CABLE SHIP COMING.

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—The cables ship Burnside has been ordered to the Philippines via Honolulu.

The cables ship Burnside is an American vessel and has recently been fitting out at Puget Sound ports to go to the Philippines and probably inaugurate the work of laying the cables between the islands there for the government. She is a vessel of 1465 tons and is commanded by Captain Laffin.

DEATH OF MRS. HOAR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The wife of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts is dead.

Mrs. Ruth A. Hoar was the second wife of the Senator. She was quite an aged woman.

DON'T WANT BRYAN.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 25.—The Bennett heirs have sued to secure the removal of Wm. J. Bryan as executor of the Bennett estate.

OPPRESSION IN RUSSIA.

GOMEL, Russia, Dec. 25.—There is a panic here owing to fresh police searches and arrests of Jews.

PARSIFAL A SUCCESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Wagner's opera "Parsifal" has been successfully produced here.

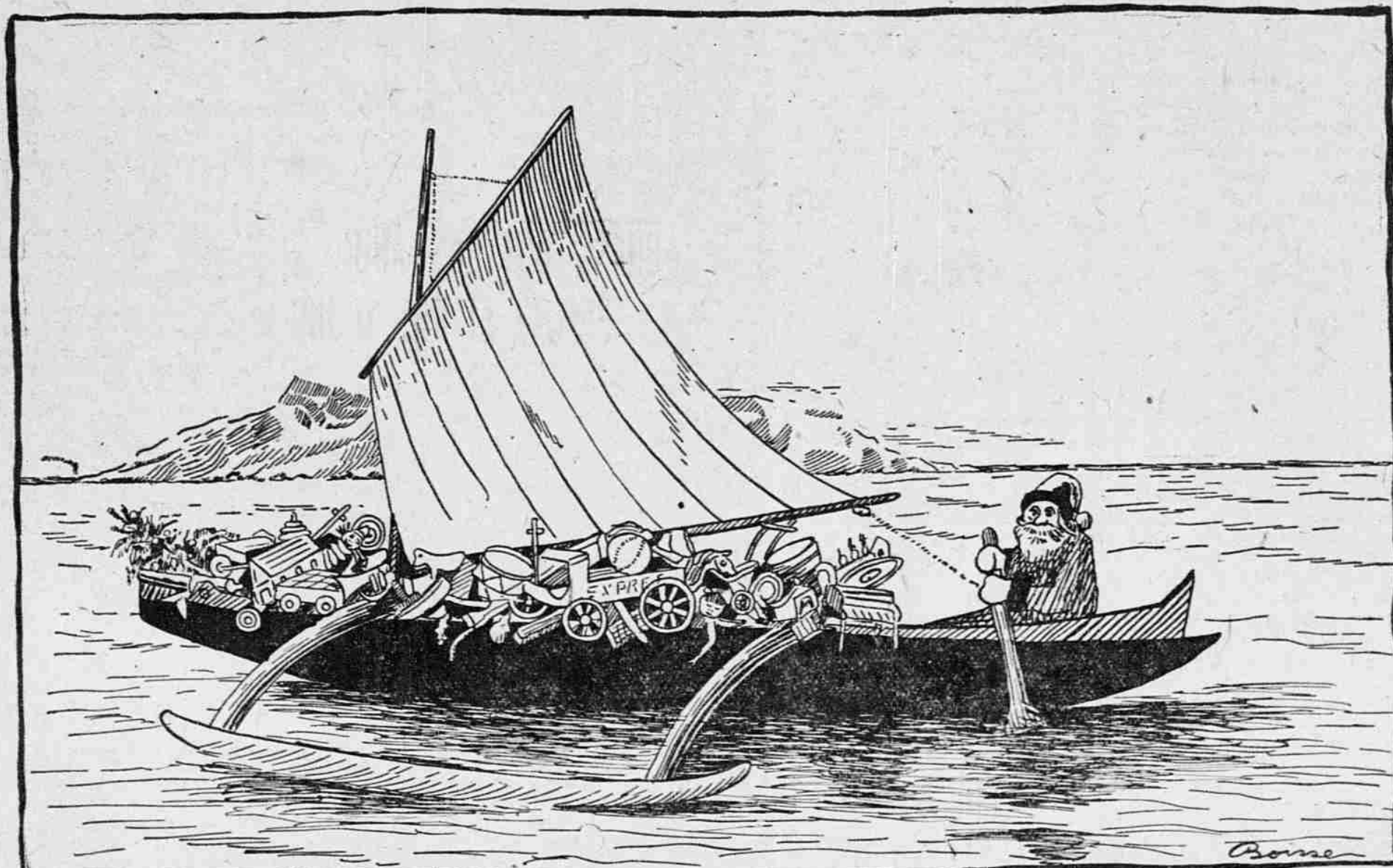
PANAMA AGAIN RECOGNIZED.

PANAMA, Dec. 25.—Great Britain has recognized the new republic.

LIVELY CHRISTMAS EVE ON THE STREETS

A good pen and ink artist could have made a picture last night that such periodicals as Harpers Weekly and Collier's would buy, to illustrate Christmas Eve in the Tropics. Honolulu's motley population turned itself into Fort street en-masse and the scene, even to the accustomed eyes of the white resident, was most picturesque. It was such a spectacle as Honolulu witnesses but once a year.

Of course the native was out in force, the wahine in particular. Spacious and comfortable in her holoku, that lineal descendant of the New England nightgown which the missionary women hastily thrust upon their first native female visitors, she wandered from store to store looking in the show-windows. Always she wore a beautiful lei. Groups of Chinese were to be seen, the old ones looking stolidly at the sights and the youngsters in cutaway coats and high collars, snapping torpedoes on the sidewalks; and as for the little chaps they were so bundled up in finery that they could scarcely toddle. The rest, Portuguese and Porto Rican, Japanese in their national dress and seamen from the naval fleet, and all classes and conditions of white men and women, jostled good-naturedly on the sidewalks and bought freely at the stores. Every sort of tooting thing was blown, the talking machines were all at work and firecrackers went off surreptitiously. The soda fountains and saloons did a lively trade and the candy, cigar and toy stores were not neglected. The open cars of the electric line ran full. Not until midnight did the street noises begin to abate.



SANTA CLAUS MAKING HIS ANNUAL TOUR AMONG THE ISLANDS.

BRASS BUTTONS AND BEAUTY AT THE YOUNG

Honolulu's greeting last night to Admiral Robley D. Evans, his staff, Admiral P. H. Cooper, his staff, and all the officers of the magnificent fleet of war vessels of the Asiatic station, now moored in the harbor, was one of the most elaborate and hospitable functions yet held here. The wealth and fashion of the capital of the Cross-Roads of the Pacific was represented. Seldom of late years has such a gathering of the Sons of Mars and the fashion and beauty of the city received a common impulse of pleasure, and when the last strains of the Hawaiian music for the "Good night" waltz floated out over the beautiful roof garden—for the reception was given at the Alexander Young Hotel—the regrets that so pleasant an evening had come to a close were universal.

Hundreds of Honoluluans were present, and the representation of officers from the fleet was correspondingly large, every officer not condemned to duty being there. The display of gold lace and brass buttons was reminiscent of the good old times when naval balls were the rage—when such functions were graced by the presence of King Kalakaua, the merry monarch, and his brilliant court. Everywhere, (Continued on Page 2.)